

REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chairman of the Board Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: 8 Legislators were present, Legislators Hathway and Kulzer had been excused. There were 11 other persons present.

Chairman Dolhof lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then declared the May 4, 2021 meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

The Finance and Rules Committee had met and recommended to waive the rules to allow action on late resolutions.

Signed by: Thomas Osborne
Ian Gilbert
Ronald Burns

Dated: June 1, 2021

Legislator Chartrand made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator King and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Dolhof opened up the public hearings at 5:03 p.m. for the following: Normander Unsafe Structure hearing, which County Attorney Joan McNichol reported the property had been demolished and cleaned up so no hearing was necessary; Intro. Local Law No. 1-2021 "A Local Law Authorizing 12- and 13-year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of a Licenses Adult Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935; CARES Act funding for broadband infrastructure needs under a NYS CDBG-CV application for 2020 funds; CDBG Lewis County Homeownership Program project #636HO318-19; and CDBG Lewis County Housing Rehabilitation Program project #636HR333-18.

Snow Belt Housing Director Jaylyn Yuhas-Heames stated that in April of 2019 Lewis County applied for \$489,510 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program for the **Lewis County Direct Homeownership Assistance Program 2019**. The first public hearing was held on April 2nd, 2019 in preparation for the application and a second public hearing is being held today to provide residents with the opportunity to offer any comments on the accomplishments of the grant. The CDBG Program requires two public hearings.

The goal of the program was to assist low- and moderate-income households to purchase their first home by providing a buy-down on the mortgage, payment of most closing costs, and assistance to rehabilitate the housing unit to ensure that it meets code and HQS (Housing Quality

Standards), as developed by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

This application was successful, and the County was awarded \$489,510. The Grant Agreement stipulated that all funds must be expended within 24 months; with an end date of June 28, 2021. The application anticipated that twelve households would be assisted with estimated program funds of \$300,000 for mortgage buy down and closing costs and \$120,000 for rehabilitation of the purchased homes. An additional \$69,510 was used for administration and program delivery assistance, bringing the total grant amount to \$489,510.

The program is now nearing completion with a total of twelve homes that have been or will be provided assistance; the exact total anticipated in the application. The average down payment and closing costs assistance provided was \$14,988. One of the households did not need any repairs. The average repair cost for the eight homes that have been completed was \$31,011 with ranges from \$18,088 to \$37,718. The average purchase price was \$90,576 and the average mortgage was \$72,993.

There was no displacement as the homes that were purchased were either vacant or in one case, purchased by the existing tenant. The program is truly a countywide program in two homes were located in the village of Croghan, one in Glenfield, six in Lowville, two in Lyons Falls, one in Port Leydon and one in Turin.

She then stated that in November of 2018 Lewis County applied for \$718,200 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program for the **Lewis County Housing Rehabilitation Program**. A public hearing was held on July 3, 2018 in preparation for the application and a second public hearing is being held today to provide residents with the opportunity to offer any comments on the accomplishments of the grant.

The purpose of the program was to provide low- and moderate-income households with grant funds to improve the health, safety, and energy efficiency of their home and to make accessible modifications as necessary to allow elderly homeowners to remain in their home as long as possible. All projects must meet code as well as HQS (Housing Quality Standards), as developed by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

This application was successful, and the County was awarded \$718,200. A Grant Agreement was signed with a program effective date of January 24, 2019 and the agreement stipulated that all funds must be expended within 24 months (by January 25, 2021). The county did receive permission for one extension, so the new deadline will be June 30, 2021. The application anticipated that that twenty substandard homes occupied by low and moderate-income households located on scattered sites throughout the county would be assisted. Sixteen of the total applicants were projected to be single family households with estimated program funds of \$500,800 and four were projected to be multi-unit households with estimated program funds of \$105,200; total project cost of \$606,000.

The program is now nearing completion and 20 households have been or will be provided assistance; the exact amount anticipated in the application. Of the 20 households assisted, seven have reported a disability, four are occupied by senior citizens and two households have a female

head of household. One household was modified to meet the accessibility needs of the resident. The average CDBG assistance provided to the fourteen completed projects was \$29,363 with a range of assistance from \$15,650 to \$45,011. Four households also utilized \$25,930 in additional funding provided by other grants awarded to Snow Belt bringing the total project costs up to \$631,930. Energy audits were completed by Lewis County Opportunities and any weatherization related work is included in the scope of work either by Opportunities or by the contractor. Lead based paint risk assessments and clearances are completed for homes that are built prior to 1978 when lead paint was banned. The contractors are required to use lead safe work practices and pass a clearance test ensuring that the home is free of lead hazards. If the rehabilitation cost exceeds \$25,000, lead abatement is required. Radon tests are completed for all assisted homes and if the radon levels are high, a radon mitigation system is installed.

The rehabilitation work completed included all single-family housing units; two of which were rentals. There was no permanent displacement or relocation. The program was truly a countywide program in that three homes were located in Boonville, two in Constableville, one in Copenhagen, one in Croghan, two in Diana, one in Harrisville, six in Lowville, four in Port Leyden and one in Turin. The majority of the contractors live in Lewis County as well.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

Legislator Hathway, who couldn't be here tonight, would like to recognize Trooper Nicholas A. Augliano, who was born and raised in the Town of Diana, and recently honored as Troop B Trooper of the Year – Zone 2. His hard work and dedication to serving those in need is commendable!

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators received the May 2021 Treasurer's report; and Highway & Solid Waste May Audit reports. Real Property Director Candy Akin and County Treasurer Eric Virkler have filed approved applications for refunds or credit of real property taxes for property owners VS Virkler & Son Inc. and Gerri Maciejko; as well as an approved application for 2020 corrected tax roll for property owner Valley Baptist Church of Osceola which have been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Brian Mooney submitted the April and May 2021 Sealer of Weights and Measures activity reports which have been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne made a motion to authorize Information Technology Director Conner Biolsi to put out an RFP for website update/design with funding to come from the Capital Data Processing account, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Legislator Osborne made a motion to authorize Treasurer Eric Virkler to use funds from the Capital Buildings account to pay for the C & S Concept Phase of the Renovation Project not to exceed \$114,460.00, seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.

Legislator Osborne made a motion to move the July Legislative Committee meetings to Monday, July 19th, 2021 due to the Lewis County Fair Parade on the following day, seconded by Legislator Moroughan and carried.

Legislator King made a motion to authorize Planning Director Casandra Buell to refill one (1) full-time Community Development Specialist position due to resignation, effective immediately, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

Legislator King made a motion to authorize Recreation, Forestry & Parks Director Jackie Mahoney to put out an RFP for the Singing Waters bathhouse project, seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.

Legislator King made a motion to authorize Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Matt O'Connor to refill one (1) full-time Cleaner position due to resignation, effective immediately, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

County Manager Ryan Piche reported that there are 9,200 fully vaccinated residents in Lewis County; the school-based vaccination clinics were a success; the Lewis County Fairgrounds drive thru clinic was well received; and the social media video of Mr. Joseph Bush had 40,000 views.

The Solid Waste construction project is moving along with construction starting in a couple of weeks. C & S should have the Concept Phase report finalized by June 8th, in time for discussion at the Committee meetings on June 15th. The NYS County Administrators Association is meeting on Friday, June 4th in Madison County, which Ryan will be attending, to discuss American Recovery Act funds and Medicaid payments. The county is ahead of the group in planning what to do with the American Recovery Act funds but slightly behind on applying for and receiving the funds. Medicaid payments had been reduced but recently were increased with little notice from the state and the only reason given is that the formula used to calculate these payments was changed. The increase is roughly \$11,000.00 each week, luckily the budget was done conservatively.

Lastly this is the week of Community Cup, which has been going on the last 4 years but last year the event was cancelled due to the pandemic. There are events all week long and the Courthouse is hoping to redeem themselves from placing last in 2019.

In response to Legislator Gilbert, Ryan stated that the process to be awarded the American Recovery Act funds is to have a DUNs number, which we already do, and then go through a separate online registration process. This will allow the county to access the funds and "spend down" against them. Legislator Moroughan reported that there are 10,380 residents who have received their first dose of the vaccine, and in response to Legislator Gilbert Ryan stated that there hasn't been any problem with individuals not showing up for their second dose.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

County Treasurer Eric Virkler reported that he is working on the process to access the American Recovery Act funds and as he learns more will be passing that information along to Towns. Sales Tax revenue is already 17% over last year at this time, the fund balances are all healthy.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 119 – 2021
AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$ 1,016,782.86 be and each is hereby audited and allowed for the amounts claimed, and that the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw checks for the County Treasurer for the amounts claimed, in favor of each of the claimants or their assigns.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: King, Chartrand, Burns, Virkler, Gilbert, Moroughan, Osborne, Dolhof

NAYS:

ABSENT: Kulzer, Hathway

RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 2021
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 – 2021, COUNTY OF LEWIS

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on May 4, 2021, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on June 1, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED ADULT PURSUANT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW §11-0935”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on May 26, 2021, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at such location at such time and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 1-2021), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED ADULT PURSUANT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW §11-0935”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 2–2021, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Law No. 2–2021, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator King seconded by Legislator Burns.

Legislator Chartrand commented that as a 30-year hunter safety instructor his initial thought was that this would be a revenue generator for the state. Upon research he found that this was not a significant source of revenue however, New York State is one of approximately three states in the United States that does not allow 12 and 13 year old licensed hunters. As there are no County lines in the woods, he believes it would have made more sense for the state to pass the law rather than leaving the decision to individual counties. There are positives and negatives associated with the law but he does not oppose it.

Chairman Dolhof commented that County opt in was not DEC choice, however there were large Counties in other areas of the state that were not comfortable with the law so the opt in was implemented.

The resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021 pursuant to the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Chartrand, Gilbert, Moroughan, Burns, Virkler, Osborne, King, Dolhof

NAYS:

ABSENT: Kulzer, Hathway

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2021
RESOLUTION AWARDED BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND EMPIRE NORTHEAST, INC.
TO REPLACE AND INSTALL A NEW BOILER SYSTEM
AT THE LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Buildings and Grounds Department recently sent out a Request for Proposals for the replacement and installation of a new boiler system at the Lewis County Public Safety Building, according to the terms and specifications as set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Buildings and Grounds, contracted engineers, the County Manager and member of the General Services Committee were present on May 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. to open bids received and considered the four (4) responses to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the proposals, the Director of Buildings and Grounds recommends awarding the bid to Empire Northeast, Inc., the lowest bidder, in accordance with the specifications and scope of work set forth in the RFP and Bid Documents in consideration of the payment of \$169,770; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to award the bid to Empire Northeast, Inc. and authorizes an agreement for the specified services to be provided in accordance with the RFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves an Agreement with Empire Northeast, Inc., 248 West Main Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642 to replace and install a new boiler system at the Lewis County Public Safety Building, in accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth in the RFP.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said agreement to include all conditions and requirements set forth in the RFP together with inclusion of any and all additional terms and conditions recommended by the County Attorney, at a cost of \$169,770 commencing on or about June 2, 2021 through July 2, 2021.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement and any amendments thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2021
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZING A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF LEWIS AND THE VILLAGE OF LOWVILLE
TO SHARE GRANT FUNDING FOR
2020/2021 CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISCOVERY REFORM

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (“DCJS”) has awarded grant funding for the County of Lewis (Project ID No.: DG20-1022-D00) to support local law enforcement agencies with expenses related to the implementation of discovery and bail reforms that took effect January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County’s award was \$59,371, to be used for the fiscal year April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for prorated share of criminal court arraignments statewide and the submission by the county of a Discovery Reform Funding Plan (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan detailed the distribution of funds through sub-grants to specific law enforcement entities within the County. The Plan was submitted to DCJS using the DCJS Grants Management System (“GMS”) with a breakdown and description of expenditures that included the District Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Office and Probation Department and the Village of Lowville Police Department for eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize and approve an agreement with Village of Lowville Police Department for reimbursement of their eligible expenses under the plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators accepts the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services grant funds (Project ID No.: DG20-1022-D00) of \$59,371, as set forth in the following submitted Plan:

District Attorney’s Office	\$12, 455	Computers, Scanners & Software
District Attorney’s Office	\$36,955	Expansion of Assistant District Attorney from half-time to full-time
Sheriff’s Office	\$ 5,323	Computers, Monitors, Cameras, & Scanners
Probation Department	\$ 1,538	Laptops & Cameras
Lowville Village Police Department	\$ 3,100	Computers, Monitors, Cameras, Scanners & Printers

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Lewis and the Village of Lowville Police Department related to the reimbursement to the Village for the expenses it incurred under the Grant Plan. Upon

execution of the MOU and receipt of expenses incurred as itemized, the Village of Lowville Police Department is to be issued the sum of \$3,100.00 from the DA Professional Services account.

Section 3. That the following appropriation is hereby approved for DG20-1022-D00 grant funds:

Increase Revenue:

A0116500 330302 DA NYS Discovery 2021 grant	\$59,371
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Increase Expense:

A0116500 490100 DA Professional Services	\$ 3,100
A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$56,271

Section 4. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators, be and the same is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any amendments thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
County Road

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services committee

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfer be approved in the County Road accounts for expenses related to the annual CHIPS program;

Increase Expense:

D0511000 491040 Maintenance Materials	\$180,000.00
D0550000 491520 Bridge Materials	\$ 30,000.00

Decrease Expense:

D0515000 495150 Paving Materials	\$210,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 TO THE
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) AND LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(PIN 775387) KNOWN AS CR 29 (WEST ROAD) OVER WHETSTONE CREEK

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement known as CR 29 (West Road) over Whetstone Creek (PIN 775387; BIN 3340230) (the “Project”) in the Town of Martinsburg, County of Lewis, is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such a program to be borne at the ratio of 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Highway Law § 10 (34-a) and section 15 of Chapter 329 of the Laws of 1991 as amended by section 9 of Chapter 330 of the Laws of 1991, as further amended by chapter 57 of the Laws of New York of 2014, the State has established the “Marchiselli” Program, which provides certain State-aid for Federal aid highway projects not on the State highway system with project eligibility for Marchiselli Program funds determined by NYS DOT. This project is being funded with Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Marchiselli funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis advanced the Project by authorizing a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering/Design and Right-Of-Way (ROW) Incidentals Phases of the Project by Resolution No. 139-2019 adopted May 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways received notice from the NYS DOT that the County will receive additional funding, which amends the previously adopted Schedule A funding by adding the Final Design phase of this project which covers eligible costs incurred on or after March 5, 2021. Specifically, the County will receive an additional \$100,000.00 for the Final Design Phase of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order for the County to receive the full, additional reimbursement, a Supplemental Agreement titled “Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to D036200” must be executed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute a supplemental agreement to the CR 29 (West Road) over Whetstone Creek (PIN 775387; BIN 3340230) NYS DOT Contract, identified as “Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to D036200” for the Final Design Phase funding of the project.

Section 2. That the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman of the Board, is authorized to execute all additional necessary supplemental

agreements on behalf of the Lewis County Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with this Project.

Section 3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to D036200, in connection with the Project.

Section 4. That \$100,000.00 shall be appropriated in the Capital Bridge Program to facilitate the Final Design Phase for the Bridge Replacement on CR 29 (West Road) over Whetstone Creek (PIN 775387; BIN 3340230) in the Town of Martinsburg. The following accounts shall be recognized to facilitate the funding of this project:

Increase Revenue:

H0512000 345970 Federal	\$80,000.00
H0512000 350310 Local	\$20,000.00
Project HAP	

Increase Expense:

H0512000 499900	\$100,000.00
Project HAP	

Section 5. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 -2021
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Legislator Richard Chartrand, Hospital Board of Managers' Representative

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Lewis County General Hospital, to create the following positions:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Purchasing Agent	Full-time	Not to exceed \$47,000/yr
Stores Clerk	Part-time	\$13.82 - \$17.90/hr

Section 2. That the above shall be effective immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 126 – 2021
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED BILLS S2708 / A1203
AMENDING LAWS TO CREATE AN ATV TRAIL FUND, USE OF ATVs AND
INCREASE WEIGHT LIMIT TO 1,800 LBS

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, NYS Bills A1203 /S2708 are pending with potential movement on same before the close of this year's legislative session; and

WHEREAS, these Bills propose amendments to the Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) in sections 2281, 2282, 2404, and 2411; amendments to the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law (PRHPL) by adding a new Article 26 establishing the All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Fund, and amendments to the State Finance Law (SFL) and Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) in the establishment of the trail fund and trespass violations fines which would support enforcement, education, remediation and maintenance and development of the statewide trail system; similar to how the State regulates, operates and maintains snowmobile trails;

WHEREAS, New York State's definition of all-terrain vehicles has become sorely obsolete. Advances in technology and design have resulted in these vehicles being of greater weight, but not posing any greater negative environmental impact by same. The proposed increase in weight to 1,800 lbs will accommodate the more modern versions of ATVs (UTVs). The primary causes of environmental damage from ATVs or UTVs or any off-road vehicle are poor driving habits, riding in unsuitable areas and recklessness. Lewis County, working with its ATV club partners, has created an extensive, safe, and environmentally sound ATV trail system that is constantly repaired, maintained to eliminate environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation will actually afford other populations, such as the elderly, families with young children, and the infirm to have the ability to ride safely and experience our beautiful trails, forests and wilderness, and have access for hunting, trapping or fishing on allowable lands. Further, these amendments will increase sales revenue for both the State (sale of new vehicles in New York) and in our local economies. Because of NY's archaic definition, many UTV enthusiasts are purchasing and registering these vehicles out of state. Increasing the weight limit to include UTVs/side-by-sides will allow users to register their vehicles in New York and generate more revenue to the State in sales tax and vehicle registrations as a means to support the ATV trail fund; and

WHEREAS, all-terrain vehicles, whether under or over 1000 pounds, are both a working tool and a means of recreation in Lewis County. They are positive contributors to the State and local economy and their legal use should be fully supported by the State regulatory structure. The Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to support these proposed Bills and increase the local economy which this vital recreational vehicle represents to our County, its Towns, Villages and Businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby acknowledges its continued support for increasing the weight limit on the definition of an ATV under the VTL to include UTVs and/or Side-By-Sides up to a dry weight of 1800 pounds as these proposed Bills sets forth; its support of the establishment of a trail fund that supports the administration and maintenance of existing ATV trails and trail riding while promoting education on sound, safe and responsible land use; and encourages the State Senate, Assembly and Governor to act on these Bills with all due haste.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, the NYS Senate and Assembly Majority and Minority Leaders, and any other State or Local Agencies or Municipalities the Board deems appropriate.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Gilbert.

Legislator Chartrand voiced his opinion that these proposed bills have the potential to create a significant revenue stream for the state and counties. New York State is one of the last few states that do not allow UTV's to be registered, even though they have multiple safety features and are accessible to a wide range of consumers.

County Manager Ryan Piche stated that it is important for the county to weigh in on these issues and suggested looking into a firm that could assist the county in having a larger impact in Albany. He also explained that bills of this nature involve various committee approvals prior to moving forward and dissent at any level may halt passage. Ryan went on to voice that he believes New York State is the only state that doesn't recognize UTV's/side-by-sides and it is unfortunate for the upstate rural areas that depend on recreation.

Legislator Gilbert suggested having NYSAC advocate for this as well.

The resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 127 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF
2021 NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WALKABILITY ACTION INSTITUTE GRANT FUNDING

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (“NACDD”) believes all states and communities should be designed to support physical activity and non-motorized forms of transportation so that people can have the policy, system, and environmental (“PSE”) supports needed to engage in active lifestyles, whether recreationally or through essential daily functions like commuting to and from work, to community destinations, and/or places of interest (community events, schools, shopping, etc.); and

WHEREAS, this vision would yield access and opportunity for active living through multiple community sectors, and could reduce the behavior of physical inactivity over the long-term, which is a main risk factor for chronic diseases and leading causes of death and debilitation like heart disease, stroke, hypertension, obesity, and type II diabetes; and

WHEREAS, NACDD realizes that making states and communities more walkable is not just a public health problem; it involves public health counterparts including transportation, planning, education, elected officials, economic development, housing, transit, parks and recreation, and a variety of advocacy groups; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County has been awarded \$15,000 in grant funding through Departments of Planning and Community Development and Public Health who will collaborate to perform community walkability assessments and implement complete streets policies for participating municipalities. They will attend virtual courses, develop team action plans, and implement PSE outcomes to make our community more walkable over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators desires to participate in the project and receive said funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby accepts the 2021 New York State Department of Health Walkability Action Institute Grant Funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the Departments of Planning and Community Development and Public Health to participate in virtual courses to develop team action plans and implement PSE outcomes to make our community more walkable over the long term.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any agreements or other documents which may be required to give effect to receipt of these Grant funds.

Section 3. That the following appropriation is hereby approved for grant funds:

Increase Revenue:

A0802000 339018 Planning NYS Walking Grant	\$15,000
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Increase Expense:

A0802000 495015 NYS Walking Grant Expense	\$15,000
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Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 128 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19 RESPONSE
FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, desires to apply for 2020 New York State Community Development Block Grant (NYS CDBG) funding CDBG-CV (COVID-19 Response) administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 1, 2021 to solicit the views of County of Lewis citizens regarding the CARES ACT funding for broadband infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, to submit an application for New York State Community Development Block Grant CDBG-CV funding administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for broadband infrastructure needs.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and any contract documents, if awarded the grant, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 129 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY AND
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY
TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
UNDER THE COUNTY'S BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee

WHEREAS, Development Authority of the North Country ("DANC") is a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, having an office and principal place of business located at 317 Washington Street, Watertown, New York 13601; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis ("County") is requesting technical engineering, administration and management services from DANC to assist the *ad hoc* committee formed by the Chairman of the Board for the County's Broadband Expansion Project

WHEREAS, DANC has experience working in fiber optics and broadband, and has the staff with technical expertise to provide the engineering, administration and planning services which will be required in such an expansive, technical project; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to enter into an agreement with DANC for these services in assisting the County in its pursuit of broadband expansion in Lewis County, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services and enter into an agreement for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves an agreement between the County and DANC to provide technical engineering, administration and project management services to assist the County's *ad hoc* Broadband Expansion Project committee, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 in accordance with DANC's current hourly rates for specific job classification performance of those providing the services.

Section 2. That the term of the agreement shall be for a period of twelve (12) months from execution of the agreement, with the County's ability to extend the term as may be required under the project.

Section 3. That funding for the payment of these services will be from the American Rescue Plan Resources to Lewis County.

Section 4. That the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 130 - 2021
RESOLUTION AWARDED BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND JOULE ASSETS, INC.
TO SERVE AS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION ADMINISTRATOR
FOR LEWIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department (“Planning Department”) recently sent out a Request for Proposals for a Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) Administrator for Lewis County Municipalities, according to the terms and specifications as set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the CCA Administrator will help municipalities evaluate and select energy suppliers to create renewable energy procurement agreements that provide discounted rates for eligible customers. The CCA Administrator is responsible for public education and outreach on CCA programs, processing customer enrollment, and assisting municipalities in submitting documentation to earn Clean Energy Communities designation; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the proposal received by Joule Assets, Inc., the Planning Department believes Joule Assets, Inc. meets all the criteria outlined in the RFP and recommends awarding the bid to Joule Assets, Inc., in accordance with the specifications and scope of work set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to award the bid to Joule Assets, Inc. and authorizes an agreement for the specified services to be provided in accordance with the RFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves an Agreement with Joule Assets, Inc., 10 Bank Street, Suite 560, White Plains, New York 10606 for a Community Choice Aggregation Administrator for Lewis County Municipalities, in accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth in the RFP. There are no upfront costs or fees to the County as a participant. Administrator fees are collected by Joule Assets, Inc. directly from the electricity supplier.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement and any amendments thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 131 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND VARIOUS PROVIDERS
FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Lewis County Public Health (“Public Health”) is tasked with providing certain Preschool Tuition-Based and Related Services for children with disabilities defined in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the various school contracts may include services of one-on-one aids, related services, evaluations and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education requires a contract between the County and the Agency(s) who will be providing such services under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the program is dependent on the number of children assigned to contracted providers, with rates set and approved by New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to approve and authorize said agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes agreements with the following agencies and independent contractor who provide services to the Preschool Special Education Program for children with special education and health care needs.

AGENCY CONTRACTORS
3 Circles Therapy
Adirondack Central School
Beaver River Central School
Building Blocks Learning Center
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC
Camden Central School
Carthage Central School
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Children’s Therapy Network
Copenhagen Central School
Gouverneur Central School District
Harrisville Central School
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES

Kelberman Center
Lewis County Health Systems
Lowville Academy Central School
Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center
Milestones Children's Center
South Lewis Central School
Special Programs, Inc. (d/b/a Little Lukes)
The ARC of Jefferson-St. Lawrence - Bright Beginnings
Upstate Cerebral Palsy
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS
Susan Gydesen, CSW

Section 2. That this is for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and will automatically renew each year unless the contract is terminated by either party and it must be upon a ninety (90) day written notice, at a cost in accordance with the rates set forth by the State Education Department dependent on the number of children assigned to contracted providers by the Preschool Municipality Representative and the local school districts Committees on Special Education.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any amendments thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator King , and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Sheriff's Office

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Sheriff's Office accounts to reflect an insurance recovery for a vehicle determined to be unrepairable. The insurance proceeds received will be used to offset future lease costs for a replacement vehicle acquired under the County's Enterprise lease program.

Increase Revenue:

A0100000 326800 Insurance Recoveries	\$37,740.00
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Increase Expense:

A0311000 223400 Sheriff Vehicle Lease	\$37,740.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE for
NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) ALLOCATION FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL DV SERVICES
AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN LCDSS AND LEWIS COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES,
INC. AS SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THE PLAN

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services received notification that the Department of Social Services (LCDSS) has been awarded \$25,000.00 in allocation funds from the NYS OCFS for non-residential domestic violence (DV) services under the TANF program, for SFY 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, these TANF funds must be used to provide enhanced or expanded core and/or optional non-residential DV services and programs recognized by OCFS, and can only be used for services provided to families with children and whose income is at or below 200% of the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, in order to access these allocated funds, the Commissioner must execute an attestation and service plan with OCFS, including the name(s) of any service provider(s) the Department engages to provide identified services under the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner seeks to enter into a renewal agreement with Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., to provide the non-residential domestic violence response and prevention services under this allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this funding and the agreements required in providing the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services to execute the agreement/attestation form and service plan required by OCFS in order to receive the \$25,000.00 TANF allocation funds for Non-Residential DV services for SFY 2020-2021.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement between the Lewis County Department of Social Services and Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., for the purpose of providing non-residential domestic violence response and prevention services under the plan submitted by LCDSS to OCFS.

Section 3. That the term of said agreement shall be from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in allocation funds.

Section 4. That the following appropriation is hereby approved for SFY20-21 TANF Non-Residential DV Services program:

Increase Revenue:

A0610900 346090 Fed Aid \$ 25,000.00

Increase Expense:

A0610900 460900 Non-Res DV \$ 25,000.00

Section 5. That the Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 134 – 2021
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
FOR CAREERS HERE PROGRAM

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Pratt-Northam Foundation is providing funds for the Careers Here Worker Program for BOCES students or in-college (undergraduate or graduate) students during the summer of 2021 at an hourly rate of \$12.50, minimum wage.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved:

Increase Revenue

A0638100 327061 Careers Here Revenue	\$70,645.00
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Increase Expense

A0638100 499900 Careers Here Expenditures	\$70,645.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND
LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FOR
RE-PAYMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators has agreed to an improvement project at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 7652 State Route 26, Lowville, New York, with an estimated cost of \$1,800,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Solid Waste Department (Solid Waste) is an enterprise fund, with a revenue stream generated from its users to cover expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department seeks to have the County of Lewis transfer \$1,500,000.00 from the County's General Fund to Solid Waste Department for the purpose of providing funds for the project, in consideration of Solid Waste repaying the monies advanced by the County in annual installment payments over a (20) year period; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize the MOU and accept annual payments by Solid Waste over a (20) year period, with interest at the rate of 1.5 % per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lewis County Solid Waste Department and the County of Lewis wherein the County agrees to advance the sum of up to \$1,500,000.00 from the General Fund to Solid Waste for the Lowville Transfer Station upgrade project, in consideration of Solid Waste agreement to repay the County for the funds advance, with interest of 1.5 % per annum, payable in annual payments over a twenty (20) year period.

Section 2. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or the Vice-Chairman be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Agreement upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 136 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT (CHANGE ORDER NO. 1)
TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND C&S TECHNICAL
RESOURCES, INC. FOR GENERAL CONTRACTING SERVICES UNDER THE
LOWVILLE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION UPGRADE PROJECT.

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Solid Waste Department, recently entered into an agreement with C&S Technical Resources, Inc., (“C&S”) to provide general construction services as outlined in the RFP for transfer station renovations/improvements, at a cost of \$1,233,000.00; and

WHEREAS, C&S seeks a change order to the contract based upon significant materials price escalations for P.E.M.B. (\$4,180), miscellaneous steel (\$3,095), fencing (\$9,900), guardrails (\$3,410) and rebar (\$2,200), for an additional cost to the contract of \$22,785.00, bringing the total contract to \$1,255,785.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this amendment/change order to the agreement conditioned upon C&S providing proper proof/documentation under the original raw bid to show the cost increases in materials from their suppliers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby offers its conditional authorization to amend the contract with C&S Technical Services, Inc., for general construction services at the Lowville Transfer Station project, identified as Contract Change Order No. 1 outlining specific material price escalation amounts, conditioned upon C&S providing proper and acceptable proof/documentation under the original raw bid to show the cost increases in materials identified in Change Order No. 1 from their suppliers.

Section 2. That upon satisfactory compliance with the condition set forth in Section 1 above, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said amendment/change order for price increases in certain materials at an additional cost of \$22,785.00, thereby increasing the contract cost from \$1,233,000.00 to \$1,255,785.00.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Amendment/Change Order, as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator King, seconded by Legislator Moroughan.

Legislator Chartrand voiced his concern that even though costs are going up, and in this once in a lifetime situation it is appropriate, the county needs to guard against this type of issue

going forward. In the future the county should ask for a list of subcontractors and their quotes with date stamps.

County Manager Ryan Piche stated that the bid went out in February and all bid amounts are held for 60 days. The contract was not executed within 60 days of the bid and therefore the contractor came back with price increases. A letter should go out when the bid is awarded with a statement that they can move forward with purchasing of materials.

Legislator King pointed out that this is the first time that the contractor hasn't moved forward with purchasing when they were awarded the bid. Ryan stated that C & S was waiting on the signed contract which went back and forth for several weeks, which caused the delay and ultimately the change order.

Chairman Dolhof questioned the actual increase on the specific materials, citing that some things have not risen that much in price.

The resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021. Legislator Dolhof was opposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO WAIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM
UNDER THE LEWIS COUNTY HEALTH PLAN
FOR THE COUNTY AS EMPLOYER

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 416- 2019, the Board of Legislators authorized the waiving of health insurance premiums for all active County employees on the health plan for the month of December, 2019 (2 bi-weekly pay periods); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 premium holiday for the month of December did not extend to the employer's share toward the monthly premiums, so County government as the employer continued to contribute to the Self-Insured Internal Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County, as employer, contributes approximately 75% to the health insurance premiums for all participants. The employers' bi-weekly premium contribution for active employees only is approximately \$ 289,000.00 (or \$ 626,500.00 per month); and

WHEREAS, the balance in the Internal Service Fund is at a healthy level and above the recommended level. In order to balance the reduction/waiver of premiums which was extended only to active county employees in 2019, the hospital administration seeks to have the Board of Legislators authorize a waiver of health insurance premiums payable by the County, as employer, for its premium obligations for active employees, with said premium holidays to occur for the month of July, 2021 (2 bi-weekly pay periods);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby directs that health insurance premiums payable by the County as employer, for all active County employees, be waived for the month of July, 2021 (2 bi-weekly pay periods).

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 138 – 2021
RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints the following individuals to a two-year term on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board:

Cinda Bush
Community Member
5595 Water Street
Lowville, NY 13367

Mike Leviker
Community Member
5252 Outer Stowe Street
Lowville, NY 13367

Scott Mathys
Community Member
Lewis County Opportunities, Inc.
8265 State Route 812
Lowville, NY 13367

Brian Finn
Community Member
Lowville Academy & Central School
7668 N. State Street
Lowville, NY 13367

John Exford
Community Member
4010 Edgewood Drive
Lyons Falls, NY 13368

Katie Zehr
Community Member
P.O. Box 48
Castorland, NY 13620

Section 2. That the term of said appointments shall be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 1st day of June, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Manager Ryan Piche inquired if legislators were all in agreement with the Lewis County Stimulus Initiatives plan that he had sent out to them last month. Legislator Virkler questioned if there would be more information put together on each initiative, Ryan referenced the document that he had put together citing that there are still many unknowns with each program. Legislator Virkler asked for the document to be resent to each Legislator for further review. No one voiced any concern over the Stimulus Initiatives and the funding associated with them.

At 5:48 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to enter executive session, with County Attorney Joan McNichol citing it was for a particular person involved in a personnel matter, county property negotiations, and a county property litigation matter, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried. Chairman Dolhof asked for a 5-minute recess for the room to clear.

At 7:01 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to enter regular session and with no other business to come before the board adjourn the meeting, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.